

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA)(

CITY OF FREEPORT)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Planning Commission of the City of Freeport, Texas met in a regular meeting on **Monday, October 22, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.**, at the Police Department Conference Room, 430 North Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas to discuss the following:

Planning Commission:

Diane Williams, Chairperson
Robert Leffingwell
Linda

Allen

Michelle Kent
Roddy Mohler
Abel Garcia

Staff:

Doug Caffey
Melissa Farmer
Larry Ellis
Wallace Shaw
Nat Hickey
Mayor Larry McDonald

Visitors:

Barbara Mohler
Hunter Sauls

Open Meeting

Mrs. Diane Williams called meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Invocation

Mr. Abel Garcia opened meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Abel Garcia moved to accept the minutes for September 24, 2007, seconded by Mr. Robert Leffingwell, unanimous vote for approval.

Review and Consider Recommendation to the City Council on the Rezoning of Waterfront Properties

The Planning Commission considered sending to the City Council a recommendation for a Joint Public Hearing asking to have the waterfront zones of: Annexed 2-mile strip changed to W-3; M-1 changed to W-2; Kingfish Lane, Lot 8 to South ½ of Lot 33 changed to W-1R; Kingfish Lane, Lot 1-7 and the PUD area changed to W-2; R2 changed to W-R1; C-2 changed to W-1R; and 1102 Gulfview changed to W3. Mr. Roddy Mohler motioned to send the request to City Council, seconded by Mrs. Michelle Kent, unanimous vote for approval.

Building Official Report

Mr. Doug Caffey discussed with the Planning Commission a few issues that were coming up in the building department, such as the numerous calls that were coming into the office about the 8-liner machines.

He discussed the commercial building that was going up on the annexed part of Bryan Beach. British Petroleum is running a telephone line off-shore and that because of that, they needed a 12 x 20 concrete building on pilings. Mr. Wallace Shaw told him that even though it was in a R2 District that being that it was the telephone company, that there was a statute that allows them to build in any zone.

He talked to them about a gentleman that came into the office wanting to re-plot the lots a half block behind the Minute Market to put up a hotel/motel and that he would be coming in to re-plot to turn it into one block.

He then brought to the Planning Commission's attention the traffic speed on Avenue O surrounding the girls' baseball park over on the Velasco side. The request was for speed limit signs but that he thought it should be passed on to the Police Department and that having enforcement would be the answer.

Mr. Abel Garcia asked about the Garden Villa situation. Doug stated that there were issues with tall grass and an open structure and that he visited with the gentleman on several occasions and that he made some promises that were never fulfilled. Doug told the gentleman that these issues had to be addressed or the City would have to move forward with it. The gentleman then hired Greg Flaniken to manage it. They mowed it and were going out for bids to secure the building.

Mrs. Diane Williams asked Doug about the modular homes and how long they had to complete the buildings. Doug told Mrs. Williams that as far as permit wise, that the permit was good for the duration of the permit. He then told her that City Council passed an ordinance that if the modular stayed in disrepair for 6 months, they lose their modular home status.

Adjourn

Mr. Robert Leffingwell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Abel Garcia. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Diane Williams, Chairperson